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**2012 CHIGNIK DISTRICT
TANNER CRAB SEASON - DELAYED**

The National Weather Service (NWS) 4:00 AM 48-hour marine forecast for Area 155 on January 22 contained gale warnings. Therefore, the Chignik District Tanner crab final registration and season opening will be delayed for 24 hours.

If the 48-hour marine weather forecast in Area 155 issued at 4:00 AM on Monday, January 23 contains a small craft advisory, final registration and the fishery opening will again be delayed for 24 hours.

Any action to further delay or open the fishery will be announced in a subsequent ADF&G news release by 9:00 AM on Monday, January 23.

By regulation, the start of the Chignik District Tanner crab season may not be delayed for more than ten days due to weather. Should the season opening be delayed through Tuesday, January 24, final registration will begin at 12:00 NOON on January 24 and the season will open at 12:00 NOON on Wednesday, January 25 regardless of the marine weather forecast.

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